

Board of Selectmen Minutes
December 5, 2019 at 7:30pm
Town Hall Meeting Room

- 1- **Call to Order:** First Selectman Christopher Spaulding called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Also in attendance were Selectwoman Samantha Nestor, Selectman Grozinger, Town Administrator Jonathan Luiz, and Weston Residents.
- 2- **Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Woody Bliss.
- 3- **Discussion/decision regarding interviewing Library Board Candidates: Lori Goertz, and Thomas Burke:** The Board of Selectmen interviewed Lori Goertz and Thomas Burke. First Selectman Spaulding stated no decision will be made yet as more candidates are being interviewed at the next BOS Meeting. NO MOTION
- 4- **Discussion/decision regarding interviewing Board of Education Candidates: Eric Struminger, David Felton, and Victor Escandon:**
The Board of Selectmen interviewed Eric Struminger,
David Felton and Victor Escandon. Board of Education member, Hilary Koyner, stated that the RTC has endorsed Victor Escandon. First Selectman Spaulding stated no decision will be made yet as more candidates are being interviewed at the next BOS Meeting. NO MOTION
- 5- **Discussion/decision regarding interviewing Veteran's Committee candidate: Andrew Cumming:** The Board of Selectmen interviewed Andrew Cumming. Selectwoman Nestor moved to appoint Andrew Cumming to the Veteran's Committee for a term to end December 31, 2021. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 6- **Discussion/decision regarding interviewing Public Works Advisory Committee candidates:** The Board of Selectman interviewed Bill Lomas, Tom Failla and Jeff Farr. First Selectman Spaulding stated no appointments will be made yet as there are more candidates being interviewed at the next BOS meeting. NO MOTION
- 7- **Discussion/decision regarding interviewing Facility Optimization Assessment Committee candidates:** The Board of Selectmen interviewed Gayle Weinstein. First Selectman Spaulding stated they will be interviewing more candidates at the next BOS Meeting. NO MOTION

- 8- **Discussion/decision to** appoint the following officials to the **Facility Optimization Assessment Committee: Tony Pesco, Hillary Koyner, Steve Ezzes, Rone Baldwin, Richard Wolf, Ken Edgar:** Selectman Grozinger moved to appoint Tony Pesco, Hillary Koyner, Steve Ezzes, Rone Baldwin, Richard Wolf, Ken Edgar to the Facility Optimization Assessment Committee for terms to end December 31, 2021 Selectwoman Nestor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 9- **Discussion/decision regarding the reappointment of Alison McElhone, Donald Gumaer, Fran Goldstein and Richard Wolf to the Commission on Aging for terms to end December 31, 2021:** Selectwoman Nestor moved to reappoint Alison McElhone, Donald Gumaer, Fran Goldstein and Richard Wolf to the Commission on Aging for terms to end December 31, 2021 Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 10- **Discussion/decision regarding the reappointment of Roberto Ordonez as an Alternate on the Board of Assessment Appeals, for a term to end December 31, 2023:** Selectman Grozinger moved to reappoint Roberto Ordonez as an Alternate on the Board of Assessment Appeals for a term to end December 31, 2023 Selectwoman Nestor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 11- **Discussion/decision regarding the reappointment of David Coprio, Jon Rogers and Robert Soloff to the Building Board of Appeals for terms to end December 31, 2024:** Selectwoman Nestor moved to reappoint David Coprio, Jon Rogers and Robert Soloff to the Building Board of Appeals for terms to end December 31, 2024, Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 12- **Discussion/decision regarding the reappointment of Denese Marshall to the Commission on Children & Youth for a term to end December 31, 2022:** Selectman Grozinger moved to reappoint Denese Marshall to the Commission on Children & Youth for a term to end December 31, 2022. Selectwoman Nestor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 13- **Discussion/decision regarding the reappointment of Sarah Schlechter and Edward Schwarz to the Conservation Commission for terms to end December 31, 2023:** Selectwoman Nestor moved to reappoint Sarah Schlechter and Edward Schwarz to the Conservation Commission for terms to end December 31, 2023. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- 14- **Discussion/decision regarding the reappointment of Ruth Israely, Effie Thieme and Deborah Bernstein to the Board of Ethics, for terms to end December 31, 2021:** Selectman Grozinger moved to reappoint Ruth Israely, Effie Thieme and Deborah Bernstein to the Board of Ethics for terms to end December 31, 2021. Selectwoman Nestor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 15- **Discussion/decision to authorize a Fiscal Year 2019-20 supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$2,900 to pay for one-time costs associated with Granicus Communication Cloud software:** Mr. Luiz stated the \$2,900 is for initial startup costs. Selectwoman Nestor moved to authorize a Fiscal Year 2019-20 supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$2,900 for Information Systems, Contractual Services, to pay for one-time costs associated with Granicus Communication Cloud software. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 16- **Discussion/decision regarding establishing a public hearing for a new ordinance that would prohibit construction and home repair work from taking place during certain hours:** First Selectman Spaulding reviewed the draft ordinance . Selectman Grozinger requested an edit that would add that there should be a written warning first, and then a fine. Mr. Luiz also discussed options as to who would be enforcing this ordinance. Resident Margaret Wirtenberg suggested that building permits state the hours for construction as set by the ordinance. NO MOTION
- 17- **Discussion/decision to authorize a Fiscal Year 2019-20 supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$1,750 to pay for printing and postage costs associated with a postcard mailer reminding all Weston residents to properly display their home addresses on their properties:** First Selectman Spaulding stated this is a safety issue for our residents. Mr. Luiz suggested the wording on the postcard should first be reviewed by Fire Dept, EMS, and Police Dept. Selectman Grozinger moved to authorize a Fiscal Year 2019-20 supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$750 for General Administration, General Supplies and \$1,000 for General Administration, Postage, in order to pay for printing and postage costs associated with a postcard mailer reminding all Weston residents to properly display their home addresses on their properties
Selectwoman Nestor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 18- **Discussion/decision to take title to the following undeveloped properties that went unsold at the Town's previous tax sale: "All that certain pieces and parcels of land shown as Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 on a certain map entitled "Property Survey Prepared For Bear Family Partnership, Limited Pilot Hill Road Weston, Connecticut" dated**

12/9/02 and revised to 12/11/03, by Brautigam Land Surveyors, P.C. which map is on file in the Weston Land Records as Map #3618.” First Selectman Spaulding stated in last year’s tax sale, undeveloped lots were not sold and we now have a right to take possession of these properties. Mr. Luiz stated that the Town Attorney advised that should the Town take title to these lots, then the Town would not have an obligation to create, pave and maintain any road. Selectwoman Nestor moved that the Town of Weston take title to the following undeveloped properties that went unsold at the Town’s previous tax sale: “All that certain pieces and parcels of land shown as Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 on a certain map entitled ‘Property Survey Prepared For Bear Family Partnership, Limited Pilot Hill Road Weston, Connecticut’ dated 12/9/02 and revised to 12/11/03, by Brautigam Land Surveyors, P.C. which map is on file in the Weston Land Records as Map #3618.” Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- 19- **Approval of Minutes: November 8th and November 21st:** Selectman Grozinger moved to approve the unapproved minutes of the November 8, 2019 and November 21, 2019 Board of Selectmen meetings, as presented. Selectwoman Nestor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

20- **Executive Session for the following purposes**

- a. Employee Contract Negotiation
- b. Collective Bargaining Negotiations
- c. Land Acquisition strategy

Selectwoman Nestor moved to enter into Executive Session at 9:12 pm for the purpose of discussing the following: Employee Contract Negotiation; Collective Bargaining Negotiations; and Land Acquisition strategy. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Town Administrator Luiz and Town Clerk Donna Anastasia was asked to join the session. Motion carried unanimously. Executive Session adjourned at 9:45 pm.

- 21- **Adjournment -** Selectwoman Nestor moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Selectman Grozinger. Motion carried unanimously at 9:46 pm.

Minutes submitted by, Randi Derene

